

RALEIGH Community PROFILE

Introduction

Raleigh, the Capital City of North Carolina, is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. A great economy, top universities, and outstanding health care facilities are some of the attributes that attract people to the triangle area. The mild climate, diverse work force and proximity to Research Triangle Park (RTP) combine to make Raleigh a great place to live.

Population

City of Raleigh.....353,604 (est. July 2006)
Planning Jurisdiction.....384, 295 (est. July 2006)
Wake County.....774,326 (est. July 2006)
North Carolina.....8,792,017 (est. July 2006)

The City of Raleigh population characteristics:

- 63.3% white (2000 census)
- 36.7% other racial groups (2000 census)
- 3.87 persons per acre population density in the corporate limits.
- 541,895 persons projected in year 2025

Geography

Land Area: (July 2006)
City of Raleigh.....134.34 square miles
Planning Jurisdiction.....182.32 square miles
Wake County.....858 square miles

Elevation.....434 feet above sea level
Average annual high.....70.7 F
Average annual low.....49.9 F
Average annual precipitation.....44.19 inches
Average annual snowfall.....4.5 inches

Taxes

Assessed Valuation FY 06-07 projected:
\$33,311,619,922
City Tax Rate: \$.435 per \$100 of assessed value
County Tax Rate: \$.634 per \$100 of assessed value
Total: \$1.069 per \$100 of assessed value

City Government

Council/Manager form of government

City Budget 2006-2007: \$513,638,733
Per Capita Expenditure: \$1,453
Municipal Service Cost for \$200,000 home: \$1,374.36

5-yr Capital Improvement Program: \$859 million

- 52% Utilities
- 14% Transportation
- 6% Parks
- 19% General Public Improvements
- 2% Housing
- 7% Stormwater

*AAA Credit Rating by Standard & Poors,
Moody's and Fitch IBCA.*

Public Safety

Police (2006-2007):

7 stations

2.11 sworn officers per 1000 population

Fire (2006-2007):

27 stations

1.48 firefighters per 1000 population

Raleigh-Wake 911 Emergency Center -79 employees

Parks and Recreation

115 city parks

22 staffed centers

9 non-staffed programmed centers

2 art centers

112 tennis courts at 25 locations

8 public swimming pools

79 open space areas

8,499 acres of parks and greenways

54 miles of greenways

Utilities

(number of customers served)

Water & Sewer: City of Raleigh.....128,547

Electricity: Progress Energy.....160,844

Natural Gas: Public Service Gas Co.78,812

Cable TV: Time Warner Cable.....98,170

Raleigh Municipal Water & Sewer Capacity:

Water Treatment Capacity 80.0 MGD

Water Treatment Utilization 46.8 MGD

Wastewater Treatment Capacity 60.0 MGD

Wastewater Utilization 45.5 MGD

Education/Enrollment (2005-2006)

North Carolina State University 30,149

Shaw University 2,700

St. Augustine's College 1,410

Meredith College 2,168

Wake Technical College 17,017

Peace College 710

Wake County Public Schools Enrollment-120,504

Persons over 25 years of age with:

High School Diploma or higher.....89.3%

Bachelor's Degree or higher.....43.9%

(source: 2000 census)

Transportation

Raleigh-Durham International Airport (2005)

9.3 million Passengers incoming & departing

118,884 tons of cargo handled

Daily arrivals and departures 424

Passengers (daily) 25,479

Cargo tonnage handled (daily) 326

9 Major Airlines: 16 Regional Carriers

American Airlines

American West

Air Canada

Air Tran

Continental

Delta

Independence Air

Jet Blue Airways

Northwest

Southwest

United

U S Airways

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Amtrak.....115,092 passengers yearly;
6 trains daily serving Raleigh
CSX Railroad
Norfolk Southern Railroad

Capital Area Transit (CAT)–City Bus System
57 buses; 16 connector buses
26 fixed routes, 1 express route
Over 4 million riders per year
Triangle Transit Authority–Regional Bus System
67 total buses: operates 48 during rush hr service
226,954 riders per year in Raleigh area (2005)

Media

Area Television Stations: WRAL-5 CBS, WTVD-11
ABC,WNCN-17 NBC,WRAZ-50 FOX,WLFL-22 WB,
WRDC-28 UPN, WUNC-4 PBS, WRMY-47,
Community Access Ch-10, Time Warner Cable
Channel 14
23 Area Radio Stations
Newspapers
Daily: The News and Observer
Weekly: Triangle Business Journal The Spectator
The Independent The Carolinian
Triangle Business Weekly

General Information

Hospitals: (approx. 1847 beds)
Rex
Wake Medical Center
Duke Health Raleigh Hospital
Wake County Public Libraries: 9
Hotels/Motels: 120 (13,650 rooms)
Places of Worship: 250+
Financial Institutions: approx.150 locations

Development

Value of Construction Authorized - 2005
Raleigh.....\$1,448,825,323
Wake County.....N/A

Residential Lots or Units Approved – 2005
Raleigh.....4,535
5 Year Average.....4,359

Commercial Building Permit Value - 2005
Raleigh.....\$224 Million
5 Year Average.....\$214 Million

2005 Raleigh Census Data from the American Community Survey

Total Households.....138,981
Average household size.....2.27
Average family size.....2.97
Median age.....32.6 yrs

Race.

White.....63.5%
Black or African American.....28.1%
American Indian and Alaskan Native......009%
Asian.....4.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander......001%
Some other race.....5.6%

Educational Attainment

Percentage high school graduate or higher....90.7%
Percentage Bachelor's degree or higher.....50.1%

Place of Birth

Native.....86.66%
Foreign Born.....13.34%

Housing

(Corporate Limits)
Single Family Units..... 52.0%
Multi-family Units.....48.0%

Total Housing Units (July 2006).....155,047

Median Contract Rent.....\$573
Average Home Sale Price.....\$223,814
(source: ACCRA 4th Qtr. 2005)

Employment

Employment by Place of Work

Wake County
Natural Resources
& Mining.....1,024..... 0.3%
Manufacturing.....21,547.....7.5%
Construction.....30,624.....5.3%
Trade, Transportation &
Utilities.....79,667.....19.6%
Information.....16,792.....4.1%
Financial Activities.....22,196.....5.4%
Professional & Business
Services.....73,859.....18.0%
Educational & Health Svcs. 72,470.....17.7%
Leisure & Hospitality.....38,090.....9.3%
Other Services.....13,334.....3.3%
Public Admin.....36,693.....9.0%
Unclassified.....2,171.....0.5%
TOTAL.....408,477.....100%
(source: ESC quarter ending 9/3/2005)

Average Annual Unemployment Rates

	as of 3/2006	5 Yr. Average
Raleigh	3.6%	4.6%
Wake County	3.7%	4.3%
N.C.	4.5%	5.9%
U.S.	4.8%	5.4%

Estimated Raleigh Employment.....2002: 259,600
Projected Raleigh Employment.....2030: 400,336

Economic Characteristics

	2004-2005	5 Yr. Average
Gross Retail Sales		
Raleigh	\$8.46 billion	\$7.62 billion
Wake County	\$14.61 billion	\$13.00 billion

Raleigh % of Wake County sales: 58 percent

Wake Co. Per Capita Income (2004).....\$36,685
State Per Capita Income (2005).....\$30,553

MSA Median Family Income.....\$71,600
(MSA= Metropolitan Statistical Area for the
Raleigh-Cary Region)

Visitors

10.25 million Raleigh/Wake County visitors in 2005

This Community Profile was prepared by the City of
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